

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH March 2019 Newsletter



*Aldersgate's Mission Statement:
GATHER in Community—GROW through Discipleship—GO into the world*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Aldersgate @ 5

WEDNESDAY

5:45- Meal
6:30- Bible Study
6:30-Youth

OFFICE DETAILS:

Hours:
Mon-Thurs 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday- 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
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STAFF

Senior Pastor:

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[Please contact Pastor Day on his cell phone before calling the church.]

Associate Pastor

Rev. Marcus Johnston (ext. 110)
(803) 316-6373

Program Director:

Lynn Boan (ext. 103)

Director of Children:

Pam King (ext. 102)

Youth Director:

Jonathan Brooks (ext. 104)

Director of Music:

Denise Lynch

Organist:

Mark Hodges

Administrative Assistance:

Patricia McCormick (ext. 100)

Custodian:

Shpendi Dani

Custodian Assistance:

Neola Mickens

Nursery Attendants

Holly Pate

LIFE GROUPS

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH GOSPEL-CENTERED COMMUNITY

WHAT IS THE "WHAT" OF OUR GROUPS?

Life Group meetings provide a place to connect and experience life in community together. They are not meant to be "just another Bible study," but rather a time to engage in meaningful discussion that seeks transformation of hearts and lives. The greatest apologetic for the Christian faith is love on display. Therefore, the "what" of our life groups is to live out the 59 "one another's" made by Jesus in the scriptures, as we experience life together, bearing with one another in love.

Discussion will most often be centered around our weekly sermons. This is a time to be honest and ask real questions about the implications of these things in our lives today. How do we put these things into action in such a way our community flourishes and the mission of the church is furthered through our lives?

WHO IS IN MY GROUP?

Ideally, each group includes 6 to 10 people and can be multi-generational or specific to your stage of life. They can also consist of men and women, married couples, singles, or be gender specific.

WHO LEADS MY GROUP?

Each group will be led by a member of Aldersgate who possesses gifts of leadership, displays spiritual maturity and Biblical knowledge, and has completed training for life group leaders.

WHEN AND WHERE DO WE MEET?

Your group will set its own meeting time and place. Groups have the most impact when everyone makes a commitment to meet consistently.



MARCH LAY READERS

- March 3 Emily Becker
- March 10 Doug Griffin
- March 17 Amy Graves
- March 24 Angela Keller

MARCH WORSHIP GREETERS

- March 3 Tym Brace, Sandy Noonan
- March 10 Frankie Abbott, Cathy McFaddin
- March 17 Anna Polston, Ann Hubbard
- March 24 Judy Shuping, Sue DuBose
- March 31 Bill & Marsha Witbeck, Mark Cox

MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

- March 3 Back Door - Wilma Crayton
Office Door - Jan Levy
Wesley Wing - Roberta Vannoy
- March 10 Back Door - Sandi Davis
Office Door - Mark Sari
Wesley Wing - Joe & Susi Roberts
- March 17 Back Door - Lynn Boan
Office Door - Gene & Geri Seiveno
Wesley Wing - Amy Graves
- March 24 Back Door - Gloria Pounds
Office Door - Jim Brown
Wesley Wing - Judy Shuping

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- March 3 Pam King
- March 10 Lesa Shuping
- March 17 Jerry and Suzy Allred
- March 24 Pam King

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| 1 Denise Campbell | 16 Patsy Chandler |
| 2 Mike Quinlan | 18 Hannah Corvin |
| Courtney King | 19 Ray Moore |
| 3 Norm Nichol | 20 Carey Player |
| 4 Lisa McClun | Jan Levy |
| Jason Harding | Tilly Edwards |
| Emma Grace Tilghman | 22 Shawn White |
| 5 Nataleigh Grace Jones | Kim Rauschenbach |
| Jace Harding | 23 Tammy Mickey |
| 7 Samuel Thomas | Jeffrey Owens |
| 8 Lance Towery | 24 Betty Vannoy |
| 9 Perry Holloway | Kimberly Roupe |
| Coleman Leopard | 25 Garland Nettles |
| 10 Gene Seiveno | 28 Ruth Johnson |
| 11 Rudy Miller | Lacy Bennett |
| Alan Moore | Michael Towery |
| Brenda Koenig | 29 Ed Hudson |
| Meredith Joye | Zeke Lynam |
| 12 Angela Merchant | Matthew Levy |
| 13 Joe Roberts | 30 Beverly Beardsley |
| 14 Leila Shuping | Ann Burnett |
| 15 Charlie Bells | Doug Griffin |
| Charlotte Rowell | 31 Peggy Patrick |
| Greg Corvin | Marcus Johnston |
| Bryan Snow | Lee Anna Harding |
| Corey Johnston | |
| Janet Brown | |




Robin Webster, Norm Taylor, Sonny Andrews, Laura Anglin, Miriam Simpson, Betty Hodges, Jo White, Harry Stitzel, Nell Swartz, Faye Hampton, Roy Bryan, Roger Williams, Wyman & Ann Taylor, Nancy Baak, Sara Jernigan, Jane Collins, Nancy Hodge, Larry Nettles, Mary Cusumano, Ruth Hoyt, Ruth Johnson, Mary Saunders, Amanda Skaggs, Sharon Merolli

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AND SUPPER



We will hold our Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m. Before the service we will enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread together in the Fellowship Hall. Supper will be served from 5:45-6:25 pm. The cost for the meal is; adults \$5.00, children (3-10) \$2.50, and children (2 & under free) with a \$15.00 family max. Please use the sign up sheet in your bulletin to make reservations for the meal.



Church Care Taker for the month of March is Charlie Bells.



All activities are for 3 year olds-5th grade unless otherwise specified.

- 3-Jesus Club 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- 10-Jesus Club 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- 16-Super Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.—Planting love
 - 17-Jesus Club 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 - 24-Jesus Club 5:00-6:00 p.m.
 - 31- Jesus Club 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Save the Date: Saturday, April 6 EASTER EGG HUNT 10:00-12:00 for ages infant to 5th grade

Want to help with the Easter Egg Hunt? See the sign up sheets in the narthex.

DID YOU KNOW...

- There's a nursery during the 5:00 service for infants to 3 year olds.
- JESUS Club is available for kids 3 years old to 5th grade.
- You can help with Jesus Club one Sunday a month. See Pam to sign up to help.



Mark your calendars now for these events coming up this Spring. Watch your Bulletins for more info as it becomes available.

- April 10th-----Dessert/Basket Auction & Family Dinner
- May 4th-----Church Flea Market/Yard Sale
- May 17th-----Spring Salad Lunch



Supporting our congregation and community with household repairs, chauffeuring and much more.

If a need arises don't hesitate to contact either Norm Nichol, 803-494-8681 or Mark Sari, 803-775-3100.



Happy March! This month in Sunday school, we will be continuing through the book of Luke. We will be also continuing our "Who Am I?" identity series in BIG Wednesdays this month. Our Sunday Night Group will continue to meet after our evening worship service. Directly following the service, the youth will eat dinner at 6pm, and then from 6:30-8pm we will have devotional/discussion time and games.

We will be hosting a Salkehatchie fundraiser spaghetti lunch on March 10th. The event is free to attend, but we will be collecting donations to support youth going to Salkehatchie this summer.

Winter Jam is on Friday, March 15th in Columbia. Cost is \$15 per person. We will meet at 3pm and will get back late. Let Jon know if you plan on attending.

On Saturday March 30th, we will be participating in the Charleston Walk for Water at 9:00am in Riverfront Park in North Charleston. We will be leaving early from Aldersgate that morning. This is an event to help raise awareness for the global water crisis. Sign up by March 17th so Jon knows if you are coming. Cost is \$15 per student. Students are also encouraged to collect donations for this cause.

SUPPORT YOUR TEAM TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Whether you bleed garnet, orange, or another color, March is the month to show your pride by bringing canned foods for Christian Charities. The annual drive, sponsored by the UMW, will take place throughout March. This year we are holding a competition between schools! Please bring your canned goods each Sunday and place them in the box for Clemson, South Carolina, or Other Colleges. At the end of the month the team with the most cans donated will have their team added to a plaque. Canned meats and peanut butter will count as two cans.



GAME NIGHT

Sponsored by UMW

Do you like to play cards, Domino's, Spot It or other games? If so, come play with us! Friday Night- March 29th- 6:30 p.m. in the Conference room. Bring a game and your favorite finger food if you would like OR just come prepared to laugh and have fun!



SENIOR LUNCH

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

The next Senior Lunch is on Tuesday, March 26 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is able to attend during the lunch hour of 12 noon to 1:00 PM is invited to come. We do need to know how many to prepare for, therefore; please sign up using the sign-up sheet found in your Sunday bulletin or call Terry Crawford at 469-2421 before March 24th.



COMMUNITY LENTEN MEAL & SERVICE

You are welcome to participate in the Lenten Meal and service held each Sunday during Lent (March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14) at Trinity UMC. The meal is at 5:45 p.m and the service is at 6:30 p.m. Our church is hosting the meal on March 24th and our choir will be singing on March 31st.



March 10, 2019

SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Now that we have two services on Sunday, please leave the flower arrangement until after the evening service. You can take them home then or pick up on Monday.



There are still many dates open to place flowers in the church so please stop by the flower calendar posted on the bulletin board outside the church office to reserve a date.

MARCH MEETINGS

Thursday, March 7 Outreach Committee - 6:30 p.m. Conference Room
Monday, March 11 Finance Committee - 6:30 p.m. Conference Room
Thursday, March 14 Trustees - 5:30 p.m. Conference Room
Thursday, March 14 SPRC - 6:30 p.m. Conference Room
Monday, March 18 Church Council - 6:30 p.m. Conference Room

Spaghetti



Fundraiser
Lunch

The Youth are sponsoring a Spaghetti Fundraiser Lunch on March 10th right after the morning worship service. The proceeds will go toward Salkehatchie expenses. There is no cost for the meal however, donations will be accepted.

Please use the sign-up sheet found in the Sunday bulletin to let us know you are coming so we'll have enough food for everyone.

ALDERSGATE @ 5

Every Sunday evening. All are welcome!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> Sunday Worship Schedule 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Aldersgate @ 5 </div>		<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px;"> Community Lenten Meal & Service each Sunday during Lent at Trinity UMC - March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14 5:45pm Meal 6:30pm Service </div>			1	2
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